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(U) RESPONSE TO CSA QUERY RE:THE ECSS (U). On 11 March, DAMO-SS sent an action to the CSA summarizing EUCOM's proposal to create the European Center for Security Studies (ECSS), using the US Army Russian Institute as its base. The summary noted that the concept for the Center had changed radically. Initially envisioned by Chris Donnelly as a means of "expanding the roles and functions of USARI" (mainly through on-site conferences), the ECSS is now being described as the primary US/NATO venue for East-West military contacts and as a provider of training in defense management. CSA question: "What happened to our program?" **Answer:** Since the Fall, 1991, OSD has exercised a great deal of indirect influence over the shaping of the ECSS concept. Donnelly is no longer a player. The major change is to gradually minimize FAO and language training and achieve an eventual transition to an NDU-East, intended to function like a high-level staff college. FAO/lang training will continue for some time; SS is sending reps to Garmisch soon to insure that these areas are protected during the transition. SS is also exploring in-country FAO training in E. Europe. MEMO .

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